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DETAILED DESCRIPTION

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~~Patent Claims~~ WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

In the Abstract

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ABSTRACT

~~The invention relates to a~~ A torque transmission device ~~comprising~~ includes a torque converter, a pump impeller, a turbine wheel and optionally a stator. The ~~inventive~~ device also ~~comprises~~ includes a converter bypass coupling having a flange (19) which is connected to the housing (6) or the pump impeller (10) in a ~~positively engaged~~ force-locking manner. ~~Said~~ The flange is arranged between the pump impeller (10) and the turbine wheel (9) and can be connected to the turbine wheel (9) in a frictionally engaged manner by means of a first coupling (27).